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CATHOLIC CHURCH.

HOLY WEEK IN WATERFORD.—The ceremonies of holy week commenced on Sunday last, with the blessing of the palm by his Lordship the Bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Brien, and its distribution at the diff-ent masses to the thousands of the faithful throughout the various churches of the city. On Wednesday morning the office of Tenebrae took place at five o'clock, in the Cathedral, at which most of the clergy officiated, in the presence of a crowded congregation. Tuesday and the ceremonies peculiar to Maunday-Thursday, commenced in the Cathedral, at 12 o'clock, and attended by the usual concourse of the faithful, who are always found most assiduous in their devotions at this holy season—a circumstance, owing to protracted absence from the fact that yesterday was also the Feast of the Annunciation, one of the most solemn and beautily acceptable to the heart of the Irish Catholic. His Lordship, our venerated Bishop, officed on Mass at 12 o'clock, assisted by the Rev. E. P. Wadding, Trinity Within, as Deacon; the Rev. E. J. Browne, C.C., as Sub-deacon; and the Rev. Robert Power as Master of Ceremonies. Several of the clergymen of the city and surrounding rural parishes, were detained at their own churches, owing to protracted Holy Day; there was, however, a large attendance of priests, and amongst the country ones were, the Rev. R. Power, P.P., Kill and Newtown; Rev. E. O'Donnell, P.P., Passage; Rev. John Joy, P.P., Dunhill; Rev. John M'Grath, P.P., Portlaw; Rev. P. Cleary, P.P., Ardmore. The procession of the Blessed Sacrament was, as usual, of the most imposing character, the gorgeous canopy, the blessed banners, the splendid vestments of the priests, and the numerous lights borne by the acolytes, formed a tableau cosy if ever seen to be met with in the Catholic church. The concourse of children took part in the procession, and formed an interesting feature in it. The altar prepared for the reception of the Blessed Eucharist was striking in the extreme, if possible more so than even in former years. Profusely lighted, and decorated with ferns and other evergreens, it presented a very imposing appearance, reflecting infinite credit on the devotion and taste of the kind ladies performing the pleasing duty of its preparation, which taste considerable time was devoted by the Misses Lambert, of New-town